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### **Gov. Jindal's executive order address state government's energy, conservation needs**

BATON ROUGE – Governor Bobby Jindal's executive order No. BJ-2008-8 comes at a time when the public is becoming more aware of environmental issues such as global warming, recycling and energy efficiency. This executive order, issued on Jan. 30, calls for state government to take unprecedented strides in energy efficiency and environmental awareness.

An example of environmental advancement laid out in the order requires the Division of Administration to "set energy-efficiency goals for state facilities, office buildings or complexes for Fiscal Years 2009, 2010 and 2011 by July 30, 2008. I further direct the Division of Administration and state agencies to use all existing statutory authority in implementing measures to achieve these goals."

DEQ Secretary Harold Leggett said the order goes a long way toward improving the environment.

"This is what I like to call 'leadership by example,'" Leggett said. "If the state wants private citizens and industry to take necessary steps in protecting the environment, then state agencies should be leading the way. With the order, the executive branch of state government is prepared to make changes, to be more energy efficient and to be a leader in environmental causes."

The order also directs agencies to adopt programs to reduce solid waste and to rely less on paper, to develop fuel economy goals for the state fleet of vehicles and to develop business practices to purchase energy-efficient products such as light bulbs and smart chargers.

The entire order can be found at [www.deq.louisiana.gov](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov).

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